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May 13, 1994Senator Thomas A. Dodd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Dodd:

It has come to my attention that the Rwandan Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Aloys Uwimana, has sent letters (see attached) to all Rwandans and individuals of Rwandan descent residing in the U.S. soliciting financial contributions for the Rwandan Army (Forces Armées Rwandaises). This letter includes the number and address of an account at the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C. to which these funds are to be sent or transferred. Given the slaughter currently taking place in Rwanda, much of it under the direction of the Rwandan army, I find it outrageous that such a solicitation is taking place. Furthermore, the fact that the offices of a foreign embassy in the U.S. are being used to raise funds for a foreign army is totally inconsistent with the role for which the Ambassador has been accredited, and I suspect illegal.

I strongly urge you to take some action to see that this practice is not allowed to continue.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter

Sincerely,



Richard Vengroff, Dean



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